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1. The Main Administration for Lignite Mining, Ministry for Heavy Industry reported on 10 May 1955 that the strip mine clearing (Abraumgewinnung) plan for the first four months of 1955 was 3,855,000 cubic meters in arrears, having been fulfilled by only 96.4%. The plan for raw coal yield (Rohkohlenfoerderung) had been somewhat better met during the same period. 365,000 tons more than the plan figure had been mined, a fulfillment of 100.6%. Briquette production was 154,000 tons in arrears, the plan having been only 98.9% fulfilled.

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2. According to the Main Administration's report, a great number of lignite mining enterprises were behind in their individual plan fulfillments. In strip mining, 58% of the installations did not meet plan expectations and together accounted for 7,968,000 m³ in plan arrears. 32% of the establishments engaged in raw coal output were below plan figures by a total of 1,141,000 tons, while 50% of the briquette producing plants accounted for a total of 278,000 tons in arrears.

3. During the first four months of 1955, the Borna district, under Kahnt (fnu) and Heublein (fnu), made a particularly poor showing and failed to meet any of the above-mentioned plans. The Halle district under Pech (fnu) during the same period was considerably behind on the strip mining program.

4. The following lignite producing enterprises had particularly poor performance records during the first four months of 1955:

Braunkohlenwerk Regis
Braunkohlenwerk Grosszoesen
Braunkohlenwerk Thraena
Braunkohlenwerk Profen
Braunkohlenwerk Gustav Sobottka
Braunkohlenwerk Nachterstedt
Braunkohlenwerk Plessa

Plant Director Kroeber (fnu)
Plant Director Trafis (fnu)
Plant Director Bergner (fnu)
Plant Director Seifert (fnu)
Plant Director Ackermann (fnu)
Technical Head Dr. Doering (fnu)
Plant Director Schmieder (fnu)

During the same period, the utilization coefficient of the equipment in the

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following installations was particularly low:

Abraumbetrieb Profen	with	26.1%
Abraumbetrieb Witznitz	with	30.1%
Abraumbetrieb Neukirchen	with	30.8%
Abraumbetrieb Wulfersdorf	with	21.0%
Abraumbetrieb Neumark	with	19.0%

5. On the other hand, certain enterprises have operated consistently well, have fulfilled their plans in all respects and, in comparison to 1954, have achieved better results from their equipment. Included among these are:

Braunkohlenwerk Greifenhain
Braunkohlenwerk Freundschaft
Braunkohlenwerk Zechau

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